

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Final Rejection dated October 11, 2005 and in further response to the Advisory Action dated January 11, 2006, Claims 2-14, 20-24, 27, 28, 30-34 and 36-41 remain in this application. Claim 5 has been amended. Claims 15-19 have been canceled.

Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 USC 102(e).

Claims 15-19 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a).

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowability of Claims 2, 3, 4, 7-14, 20-24, 27, 28, 30-34, and 36-41 as indicated in paragraph 5 of the Disposition of Claims in the Final Rejection. Applicants further acknowledge the indication of the allowability of Claims 5 and 6.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claims the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants hereby amend Claim 5 to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph by making the changes discussed in the telephone interview of November 30, 2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 and 35 USC 103

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Shun'ko (U.S. Pat. No. 6,392,351). Claims 15-19 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shun'ko (U.S. Pat. No. 6,392,351).

Applicants hereby cancel Claims 15-19, without traverse.

Summary

In view of the foregoing corrections and remarks, it is felt that the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 112, USC 102(e), and 35 USC 103(a) have been overcome. Therefore, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested and allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that this amendment or any petitions or requests contained in this amendment raise new issues, the undersigned would greatly appreciate a telephone call from the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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